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1. European Patent Application No. 0 613 757 A1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
2. Soviet Union Application No. 273922.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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